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### Training Seminars

[Reserve an available spot](#) for one of our open training seminars.

#### Novato

Workshop/D618 - July 14, 2016

#### Webinar

Basic & EDI/D619 - July 20, 2016

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Speak with an Enrollment Specialist.  
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Wednesday, July 20, 8 am - 4 pm.

## Overview of the Dental Transformation Initiative (DTI)

On December 30, 2015, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) received the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approval of California's 1115 Waiver Renewal, also known as [Medi-Cal 2020](#). Medi-Cal 2020 will guide DHCS through the next five years as we work to transform the way Medi-Cal provides services to its more than 13 million members, and improve quality of care, access, and efficiency. A component of the Medi-Cal 2020 waiver is the Dental Transformation Initiative (DTI), which provides \$750 million of additional funds to the Medi-Cal Dental Program over the next five years with the goals to improve the oral health of children enrolled in the Medi-Cal Dental Program by:

- ◆ Increasing the use of preventive dental services and oral health disease management for children;
- ◆ Expanding prevention and risk assessment models focused on preventing and treating more early childhood caries; and
- ◆ Increasing dental continuity of care for children.

### Domains

To reach the DTI goals, four "domains" were created. The following is a brief overview of each:

#### Domain 1 – Increase Preventive Services Utilization for Children

Domain 1 is designed to increase the statewide proportion of children ages 1 through 20, who are enrolled in the Medi-Cal Dental Program, who receive a preventive dental service by 10% and commences in 2016 and will run the full five years.

#### Domain 2 – Caries Risk Assessment and Disease Management Pilot

Domain 2 will be piloted across select counties and is intended to formally address and manage caries risk with an emphasis on preventive services for children age 6 and under enrolled in the Medi-Cal Dental Program. It spans four years with implementation in 2017 and intends to:

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- ◆ Diagnose early childhood caries by utilizing Caries Risk Assessments (CRA) and treat it as a chronic disease.
- ◆ Introduce a model that proactively prevents and mitigates oral disease through the delivery of preventive services in lieu of more invasive and costly procedures (restorative services).
- ◆ Identify the effectiveness of CRA and treatment plans for children ages 6 and under by tracking the utilization of: preventive services versus restorative and emergency room visits and oral surgery for dental related reasons among children. If deemed successful, then the program may be expanded to other counties subject to the availability of funding under the DTI Pool.

### Domain 3 – Increase Continuity of Care

Domain 3 will also be piloted across select counties and seeks to increase dental continuity of care for children through the age of 20 who are enrolled in the Medi-Cal program. Incentive payments will be awarded to providers who have maintained continuity of care through providing examinations for beneficiaries ages 20 and under for two, three, four, five and six year continuous periods. This domain implements in 2016 and may expand on a statewide basis if the pilot is determined to be successful and subject to the availability of funding under the DTI Pool.

### Domain 4 – Local Dental Pilot Projects

Domain 4 will fund the creation of Local Dental Pilot Projects (LDPP) aimed at alternative methods to achieve the goals outlined in Domains 1 through 3. In June 2016, DHCS released and posted the LDPP application for interested entities to apply. Highlights regarding the LDPP include:

- ◆ In order to qualify as an LDPP, the entity must address one or more of the three domains through alternative and innovative models, potentially using strategies focused on rural areas, including local case management initiatives and education partnerships. These models must target children enrolled in the Medi-Cal Dental Program in need of dental services.
- ◆ Proposals are due no later than August 16, 2016. The application is posted on the following link: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Documents/FinalDHCSLDPPApplication6-16-16.pdf>.
- ◆ A maximum of 15 LDPPs shall be approved. Upon approval and successful completion of the pilots, entities will receive incentive payments.

### Resources

More information regarding the DTI and the corresponding domains is available on the DTI website: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/DTI.aspx>. For specific DTI questions please send your inquiries to: [DTI@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:DTI@dhcs.ca.gov). Please also continue to monitor the Denti-Cal website at [www.denti-cal.ca.gov](http://www.denti-cal.ca.gov) for bulletins and other information regarding the Medi-Cal Dental Program, which will be continually updated as appropriate.

## NEED MORE INFORMATION?

### Provider Enrollment Workshops



Are you a dental provider who is interested in joining the Denti-Cal program but don't know where to start? Do you have questions about the Denti-Cal enrollment process? Then please drop-in anytime during the hours scheduled below to attend one of our enrollment workshops! Registration is preferred, but not required.

Date/Time:	Location:	County:
Friday, July 8, 2016 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM <a href="#">Register Now!</a>	Holiday Inn Auburn 120 Grass Valley Highway Auburn, CA 95603	Placer County
Friday, July 20, 2016 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM <a href="#">Register Now!</a>	Double Tree 2800 Via Cabrillo Marina San Pedro, CA 90731	Los Angeles County